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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8281

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MANILA IMMEDIATE WRPEI

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO ASEAN CAPITALS BY UNDER SECRETARY COOPER AND
ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

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1. WE WOULD WELCOME VISIT TO SINGAPORE BY UNDER SECRETARY
COOPER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKEHVS OUTLINED REFTTEL.
ASSUME FROM PARAGRAPH FOUR REFTTEL THAT THEY WOULD ARRIVE TOGETHER
FROM JAKARTA AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 11 BUT DEPART SEPARATELY, WITH
COOPER
PROCEEDING ON TO TOKYO THAT EVENING AND HOLBROOKE GOING TO
TO KUALA LUMPUR OR BANGKOK.

2. SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE UNDERSECRETARY
HOLBROOKE COME TO SINGAPORE, IS AMENABLE TO MEETINGS ON SUNDAY AND
IS NOW LOOKING INTO QUESTION OF WHICH SENIOR OFFICIALS WILL BE
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AVAILABLE

ON THAT DAY. IN DISCUSSION WITH MFA, HOWEVER, WE DETECTED
SOME BEWILDERMENT OVER SHORTNESS OF COOPER/HOLBROOKE SWING
THROUGH ASEAN CAPITALS AND SURPRISE THAT UNDER SECRETARY WILL NOT
BE TAKING FULLER PART IN U.S. - ASEAN MANILA TALKS AFTER COMING
ALL THE WAY TO SOUTHEAST ASIA TO ATTEND THEM. SINGAPOREANS ARE
NOT CONCERNED OVER NICETIES OF PROTOCOL, BUT OUR IMPRESSION

IS THAT THEY WILL LOOK CLOSELY AT LEVEL OF US DELEGATION AS INDICATOR OF DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH ASEAN. ERRONEOUS CONCLUSION COULD BE DRAWN IF UNDER SECRETARY ALLOTS ONLY ONE DAY TO US-ASEAN TALKS AND DEPARTS ON SWING AROUND REGION WHILE TALKS STILL IN PROGRESS. SINCE UNDER SECRETARY HAS ALREADY SEEN WIDJOJO NUMBER OF TIMES THIS YEAR, WE WONDER WHETHER IT WOULD NOT BE PREFERABLE FOR UNDER SECRETARY TO SKIP JAKARTA THIS TIME, ATTEND TWO DAYS OF MANILA TALKS RATHER THAN SINGLE DAY, AND THEN PAY SHORT VISITS TO SINGAPORE, KUALA LUMPUR, AND BANGKOK ENROUTE FROM MANILA TO TOKYO SEPTEMBER 10-11.

3. SINGAPOREANS HAVE NOT YET MADE FINAL DECISION ON COMPOSITION THEIR DELEGATION TO MANILA TALKS BUT EXPECT THAT IT WILL BE HEADED BY NGIAM TONG DOW, PERMANENT SECRETARY, DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND CHAIRMAN OF POWERFUL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD. NGIAM IS TRUSTED SENIOR OFFICIAL (RANK ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO UNDER SECRETARY), CONVERSANT WITH ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED AT MANILA AND ABLE TO SPEAK WITH FULL AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT. MFA TELLS US FINANCE MINISTER HON SUI SEN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND BECAUSE HE WILL BE TIED UP IN PREPARATIONS FOR FORTHCOMING COMMONWEALTH FINANCE MINISTERS CONFERENCE.

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